

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this embodiment, comparison of raster~~laster~~ length with the predetermined length is not performed on a raster~~laster~~ by raster~~laster~~ basis with respect to the all rasters~~lasters~~ contained in the spool data of one page. Rather, the data volume of one raster having the largest compressed data volume in one page to be printed, i.e., the greatest raster length is compared with the predetermined length, i.e., the transferable data volume that can be transferred from the RAM 44 to the ASIC 42 within the one raster printing period which is determined with the function of the bus width and the bus cycle of the RAM 44 in order to see whether or not each of the raster data can be transferred within 208.3  $\mu$ sec.